

Classified Ads

Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting six words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

ROOMS—Modern furnished rooms and board, 709 W. Downie St. 69-1t-p.

FOR SALE—Wilton velvet rug, 9x12. Inquire Mrs. R. H. Brown, 501 Woodworth Ave. 69-2t-c.

WANTED—A farm to rent on shares. Have team and tools. Earl Akers, Vestaburg, R. F. D. 2. 69-2t-p.

NOTICE—General delivery and baggage. Bell phone 338. Union phone 288. Ed Drury. 69-4t-c.

TO EXCHANGE—A Dorr car in good condition. Will take team as part payment. Inquire Riverside Dairy Farm. 69-tf-c.

FOR SALE—Plate kodak. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE—Two good heavy work teams with wagon and harness. A bargain if taken at once. Would exchange for Alma real estate. Inquire Geo. Sandel, Elwell. 66-tf.

FOR SALE—New Home sewing machine in first-class condition; also vacuum sweeper, nearly new. Inquire at 314 Gratiot Ave. 66-tf.

WANTED—Castoff clothing and musical instruments of all kinds. J. Barney, Alma. 67-tf.

FOR SALE—New Singer sewing machine, rosewood square piano, in fine condition; second-hand nickel car, net, cylinder talking machine with records; roll top oak office desk. The above at bargain prices and time payment if desired. The Alma Music Store, Smith & Maney, Wright House block. 67-tf.

FOR SALE—Business property and buildings suitable for garage or other manufacturing. Will sell or exchange for other property. Terms to suit purchaser. Look box 145. St. Louis, Mich. 68-tf-c.

WANTED—To rent good farm, will pay cash or crop rent near Alma. Elwell or Forest Hill. Mike Coglin, Elwell R. F. D. No. 2. 68-tf-c.

FOR SALE—Standard bred R. C. R. I. Red cockerels. Entire new strain. Deep dark red. R. C. Buff Leghorn cockerels. All fancy stock. Write for prices. Big 4 Farm, Rosebush, Mich. 68-cov.

LOST—Monday night or Tuesday, pocketbook containing two \$5 bills. Finder leave at this office and receive reward. 70-tf.

ROOMER WANTED—Good room, heat, with bath; centrally located. Inquire at this office. 70-tf.

FOR SALE—Columbia Disc Gramophone, \$50 size; Edison cylinder talking machine; Singer sewing machine, almost new; one Prest-O-Lite storage battery, used but a little; used nickel cornet; one used Bass Viola; all the above at bargain prices. Time payment if desired. Smith & Maney, Wright House Block. 70-tf.

ROOMS—Two rooms for light house-keeping; well located. R. S. Ferguson, Rosedale St. 70-1t-p.

FOR RENT—Two quite light house-keeping rooms and one single room; all furnished well. Call 408 Park. 70-1t-c.

ROOM—Furnished room for lady. Inquire Mrs. McIntosh, West Superior. 70-1t-c.

FOR SALE—House and lot; barn and poultry house. Just the place for a farmer wishing to retire. Will sell for \$1,500, \$800 cash and balance on long term. Inquire at this office. 69-tf-c.

FOUND—A brown penny muff, between Elwell street and Wesley Parr's farm. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice. 70-tf-c.

WANTED—Ten girls, steady work. Come to work Tuesday, December 26. Apply at Libby McNeil & Libby. 70-1t-c.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 214 E. Center St. 70-1t-p.

FOR SALE—Three good top buggies, several single harness and a double driving harness, cheap. M. L. Derigo. 70-1t-c.

FOR RENT—Modern furnished rooms for light housekeeping, centrally located. Inquire at this office. 70-1t-p.

ROOMS—Five unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 128 Ely. 70-1t-p.

WANTED—Two ton of No. 1 clover hay, baled preferred. M. S. Joiner, A. A. Freight depot. 70-1t-p.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire 416 Maple Ave. 70-tf-c.

COUNTY MAPS—The Record has a few Gratiot County Maps left. Parties wishing to purchase same may do so by calling at this office. 70-tf.

WANTED—A girl to assist with house work for two weeks. Call Bell phone 357.

NOTICE

The City Treasurer's office will be open every day until Jan. 10th for the collection of taxes.

C. R. Murphy, City Treas. 69-2t-c.

ATTENTION FARMERS

Stable manure FREE if heated immediately. Apply to the Health Officer, Alma, Mich. 68-tf-c.

M. C. A. LADS TELL OF GOOD CROPS

(Continued from Page One.) the morning, while the dew was yet on them.

Merton Alvin Eldridge of Breckenridge, 12 years of age, raised one of the best gardens in the county and the following is his report:

Expenditures.
Cost of preparing seed bed and working on garden at 10 cents per hour.....\$11.00
Cost of seeds and plants.....2.09
Cost of cultivation.....1.50
Cost of gathering and marketing.....2.00
Total cost of garden.....\$16.59

Receipts.
Cash receipts from fresh products sold.....\$12.50
Estimated value of fresh products used in home.....30.00
Estimated value of canned products used in home.....14.80
Total value of all products.....\$57.30
Total cost of production.....16.59

Net profit on project.....\$40.71
The following is Merton Eldridge's write-up on his garden:

We have a small Y. M. C. A. group in our town of which I am a member. One time last winter Mr. Curtis, our secretary, suggested that some of the boys in this vicinity take a hold and do gardening. Some of us took up the idea and went at it because of the good it would do us and some for the trip to Lansing.

I think that the purpose of the boys and girls gardening club is to get the boys in the towns and city away from the dusty streets, and to take some interest in agriculture. The product which I had the most success with, is the growing of the nutmeg pie pumpkin. It is one of the best varieties known. I grew one plant this year called "celery cabbage," which I had never heard of before. It started out like a small cabbage plant and soon the leaves grew on it and it began to look like a cabbage, only about a foot tall and six inches around. The center was like the heart of celery and the outside like lettuce.

The year was not very good, but I tried. I was called in our town the star pumpkin grower, for off from four rows of corn one hundred and thirty feet long, I planted a pumpkin seed to every other hill and off from the lot I received about 300 pumpkins. They were all the small nutmeg pie pumpkins and are very good for pies, each of them making from one to three pies.

In the spring, I had much trouble with bugs on my squash, pumpkins and melon vines. I tried nearly everything until finally a gentleman told me to take hen manure and water and sprinkle them with this which I found worked very well. My cabbage were completely alive with bugs and to remedy this I used slake lime and had to put it on for two weeks about three times a week.

My cabbage crop is said by nearly everyone in this community about the best around. I do not say this to boast, but because I think it is the best I have seen around this vicinity. The place where my garden is, is a fine setting. It is drained by sewerage from my father's creamery and has a hog yard on one side and a cemetery at one end.

I grew a row of celery, about two rods and a half long, and it certainly yielded a great crop. First, when the plants were small, I piled the dirt up to the sides of it, then when it had grown out of this, I put boards up around it and it grew right out of the boards and then I put tiles over them. By using this method the celery can be trained to be extremely long, for mine looked much longer than ordinary celery. These plants were tall, very strong and well bleached.

To decorate my garden, I used mammoth sunflowers, which made it look very attractive.

I had quite a bit of trouble about getting my cabbage started as I had to set and reset them again. I did not can anything out of my garden as I do not take any interest in that kind of work. My mother canned a large quantity of vegetables and pickles off of it, and we did not have to buy any vegetables all summer.

I had watermelons and muskmelons, but had some trouble in keeping them on the vines, for some foreigners stole a great quantity when they were still green.

This garden was 138 by 66 feet, and had eighteen different vegetables in it.

PASTEURIZED MILK

New York City to Get 7c Milk and Why not Alma 8c Milk.

In answering the argument that pasteurized milk cannot be produced for 8 cents, nothing speaks louder than the report from John J. Dillon, commissioner of the department of foods and markets of New York, to the effect that a combination of about 1,000 dairymen, who contribute to the New York city milk supply, have contracted for forty million dollars worth of milk which is pasteurized and delivered at the doors of the consumers in New York city at 7 cents per quart.

Every one at all familiar with the dairy business knows that milk can be produced cheaper here in Michigan than in central and eastern New York. There need be no anxiety about the ability of any good business man being able to purchase, pasteurize and deliver milk in the city for 8 cents per quart.

BEST XMAS PRESENT

Have you ever stopped to consider that the loved ones and the friends many miles from home, like nothing better than to hear what the home folks are doing. The Alma Record for Christmas will fill this want. It's the one best present.

The Record, \$1

TRACTOR SHOWN HERE

Fitch Four Drive Tractor in Alma Today.

The Fitch four Drive Tractor, which has been creating so much comment around the country during the past summer, was displayed in Alma today, while on an endurance test over the snow covered roads from Big Rapids to Saginaw.

The tractor, which is made by a Big Rapids concern, is one of the most successful four drive models now being made and has pulled off some out of the ordinary stunts in the various tests which have been given it. One of these has been to climb the walls of a building with the front wheels of the tractor.

The motor of the tractor is made especially for the company by a Waukesha, Wisconsin, firm and is designed for the work to which it is being put.

The axles of the tractor turn with the wheels, and are operated by a work gear. The tractor can be turned in a complete circle within about twelve feet.

With a thirty-five horse power motor, it has plenty of power for the work it is intended for, and seemingly there is now logical reason why it should not be a big success on the markets.

PRaises ISSUE

December 12, 1916.
Mr. C. F. Brown,
Care The Alma Record,
Alma, Michigan.

Dear Sir:
A copy of the twenty-four-page Christmas edition of the Record has been received.

It is certainly well gotten up, and represents splendid work on the part of yourself and the entire Record force. We notice particularly that the business interests of your city are well represented in the advertisements, which not only speaks well for the prosperity of Alma, but also proves that they believe in the Record as an advertising medium.

We extend our best wishes for the holiday season, and solicit a share of your business during the coming year.

Yours very truly,
American Type Foundry Co.
M. M. Hamlin.

THANKS RECORD

Farmer Says Record Made it Possible to Go Some.

Elwell, Mich., Dec. 16, 1916.
The Alma Record,
Alma, Mich.

Gentlemen:
I feel that I owe thanks to the Alma Record because of its value as an advertising medium for auction sales, and also J. D. Helman, for his efficient work at my sale last week Friday.

In spite of a very bad day, the Alma Record advertising drew a big crowd to my sale, while we expected very few in view of the weather. Things went good and \$300.00 more than I had expected was realized.

The Alma Record and J. D. Helman, auctioneer, are responsible to a great extent for this success.

Thanking you both, I beg to remain
Respectfully yours,
N. B.—I also thank the farmers for their very liberal bidding. C. W.

COAL SHORTAGE HITS COMPANY

Owing to the coal shortage and the gas company's consequent inability to get sufficient shipments of gas coal to keep its coal gas plant running, the company finds it necessary to start its water gas plant at the end of this week. It will probably be necessary to continue on water gas for several weeks in order that the company can accumulate sufficient gas coal to operate its coal gas plant again.

Gas consumers are requested to notify the gas office if they experience any trouble from the change in gas.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

On Monday, December 25th, the post office will be closed, this being Christmas day, and no city deliveries will be made by the carriers. The office will be open between 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock a. m., at which time city mail may be obtained. Rural carriers will work as usual.

NOTICE

Commencing December 12th, I will be at the following places for collection of taxes for Pine River township: Tuesday, Township hall, Forest Hill.

Friday, Alma State Savings Bank, Alma.

Saturday, Commercial Savings Bank, St. Louis.

LEO H. WOOD,
Township Treasurer.

NOTICE

To City Water Consumers:

Please take notice that all persons not properly protecting their water meters from the cold, will have to pay for all breakage and cost of labor, etc., in repairing above mentioned meters.

(Signed) O. F. PARKER,
Street and Water Commissioner.

A PRESENT? YES! YES!

The Gratiot County History sent postpaid for only \$2.00. A valuable and lasting present.

Address W. D. Tucker, Ithaca, Michigan. 69-1t-c.

If you are going to have good health, feel well, enjoy winter, you've got to keep your bowels regular. Winter's indoor life, heavy foods, clogs them up. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea cleans them out, and does it quick. It's make you well and keep you well. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Look-Patterson Drug Co.

Daily Thought

None-tenth of the good that is done in the world is the result not of laws, however wise, or of resolutions, however strong, but of the personal influence of individual men and women.—Sir Samuel Chichester.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



YOU

Should get ready for a good position in the business world and share in the great prosperity of our country. Business is constantly calling for trained men and women and the demand far exceeds the supply. Fit yourself by attending the oldest and best known business training school in the state. Free employment Department to place you after graduation.

Detroit Business University

61-69 West Grand River Avenue
Affiliated with Michigan State Normal School, Accredited by National Association of Accredited Commercial Schools.

FIRST-OLD DETROIT NATIONAL BANK

THE directorate of this bank is composed of men whose individual prominence in the business field enables them to keep in the closest possible touch with changing business conditions. Their knowledge and experience is of inestimable value to our clients everywhere.

DETROIT

A Merry Christmas

Make yourself or your wife and family a Christmas present of a New House.

Alma Home Building Co.

Your Photograph
The Ideal Christmas
Remembrances

And did you ever stop to think that your money will go further for Holiday Gifts IN PHOTOS than in anything else you can buy. Besides—

YOUR FRIENDS CAN BUY
ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE THEM—
EXCEPT YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

W. E. Baker
Alma, Michigan

FLORIDA
THROUGH STEEL PULLMAN
SLEEPING CARS DAILY
TOLEDO to JACKSONVILLE

via
Ann Arbor Railroad to Toledo

C. H. & D. or Big Four Route to Cincinnati, Louisville and Nashville Ry., Queen & Crescent Route, Southern Ry., etc., to destination.

Leave Toledo (C. H. & D.) 12:55 Midnight
Leave Toledo (Big Four Route) 12:35 Midnight
Arrive Jacksonville 8:50 Second Morning

Through tickets will be provided, baggage checked to destination, sleeping car reservations made, fares quoted, and Florida Booklets furnished upon application to local agent or

The Ann Arbor Railroad Co.

G. A. WELLER, A. G. P. A., Toledo, Ohio.

Bring in your Scrap Iron

Rags, Rubbers, Paper, Metals

For which we are prepared to pay you highest market prices for same; also

Hides, Fur and Poultry

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Bell Phone 275

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Oppo. Roller Mills.

Do not think that because we are in a small town that we can't meet competition. See our new 10c Outing Flannel. Bed Blankets at bargain prices. We handle Shoes. Try us for prices.

Forest Hill Elevator Co.

Forest Hill



How it looks when illustrated

"Whatever she does, she goes at it like a house afire."

Even If Bread Fruit

could be successfully grown in this latitude, you would find it a poor substitute for

Our Excellent Bread

and would still have to depend on us. Nothing Can Take Its Place.

THE MODEL BAKERY

Electrical Power

is safe, sane and clean. No dirt, or trouble, you just turn the switch.

Electrical Appliances

of all kinds for all kinds of electrical work. Let us quote prices on house and store wiring, fixtures, etc.

Alma Grain & Lumber Co.

Electric Department

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SILO

The Ross Metal

AND

All Kinds of Wood

R. M. HYDE

Both Phones.

Agent.

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